## PREGNANCY PREVENTION INTERVENTION IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

**Intervention Name:** Promoting Health Among Teens! Comprehensive

Abstinence and Safer Sex Intervention (formerly known as Comprehensive Abstinence and Safer Sex

Intervention)

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**Program Description:** This comprehensive abstinence and safe sex intervention provides

youth with information about abstinence, safer sex practices, pregnancy prevention, and the prevention of HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs). It is designed to improve awareness and knowledge about HIV/STIs; increase understanding of how abstinence can prevent pregnancy, STIs, and HIV; strengthen behavioral beliefs that support condom use; and build refusal and negotiation skills for practicing abstinence as well as for effective

use of condoms.

**Component 1: Curriculum** 

The intervention consists of up to 12 modules, delivered over two or three consecutive Saturdays for a period of 8 or 12 hours. Trained facilitators follow the intervention manual to implement the program, which is structured around group discussions, videos, games, brainstorming activities, skill-building, and

experiential exercise. Four of the modules are targeted specifically to encouraging abstinence, four are targeted to encouraging condom use, and four cover general content related to HIV/STI

knowledge.

**Target Population:** Available information describes the target population as African

American male and female adolescents in grades 6 and 7 from

low-income urban communities.

Curriculum Materials: Information on curriculum materials is available online at http://www.selectmedia.org/customer-service/evidence-

based-curricula/promoting-health-among-teens-

comprehensive-abstinence-safer-sex/

**Training and TA:** In the original implementation of the program, facilitators

received a 2.5-day training and followed a program intervention

manual.

## Research Evidence<sup>1</sup>

**Study Citation:** Jemmott, J. B., III, Jemmott, L. S., & Fong, G. T. (2010). Efficacy

of a theory-based abstinence-only intervention over 24 months: A randomized controlled trial with young adolescents. *Archives of* 

Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, 164(2), 152-159.

**Population**African American students in grades 6 and 7 recruited from four public middle schools serving low-income African American

communities in the northeastern United States

Mean age 12 years

• 54% female and 46% male

**Setting:** Middle schools in low-income communities

**Study Findings:** Based on an average of the 3-, 6-, 12-, 18-, and 24-month follow-

ups: adolescents participating in the intervention were significantly less likely to report having had multiple sexual

partners in the previous three months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This summary of evidence is limited to studies of the intervention meeting the inclusion criteria and evidence standards for the Pregnancy Prevention Research Evidence Review. Findings from these studies include only those showing a statistically significant positive impact on sexual risk behavior or its health consequences. Studies may present other positive findings beyond those described; however, they were not considered as evidence for effectiveness because they focused on non-priority outcomes or subgroups, did not meet baseline equivalence requirements, or were based on follow-up data with high sample attrition. For additional details on the review process and standards, see the review's Technical Documentation.